national importance. Delhi Police is taking necessary measures to counter the threat.

Inter-Ministerial group to fight terrorism

1120. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high level Inter-Ministerial Group to fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, the constituents of the Group; and

(c) the details of the work proposed for the Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Inter-Agency Group on Counter-Terrorism (IAGCT) comprising representatives of the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Defence, Finance, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and concerned Government agencies has been set up by the Ministry of External Affairs on 8th October, 2001 with the objectives of:

(i) articulating a clear and specific Indian stance on global terrorism;

(ii) communicating accurate information to friendly Governments;

(iii) advising Government on information/queries/responses arising out of inputs from foreign Governments;

(iv) advising Government on both domestic and foreign media responses to terrorist activities; and

(v) advising Government on interactions with foreign interest groups on terrorism related issues.